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To: All Interested Parties

From: Jill L. Alverson, Hennepin County Auditor

RE: Supplemental list of rejected absentee ballots

On December 31, 2008, the Hennepin County Auditor decided not to include the supplemental list of approximately 170 rejected absentee ballots submitted by the Norm Coleman campaign and a list of 30 ballots submitted by the Franken campaign at the Regional Review of Absentee Ballots convened in the Hennepin County Government Center, A-level meeting room, Minneapolis, MN, for the following reasons:

1. The campaigns clearly stated they object to the inclusion and would not agree to those ballots being forwarded to the Secretary of State as improperly rejected.
2. Local election officials in Hennepin County previously determined that absentee ballots included on said supplemental list belong in one of the four categories for legal rejection of an absentee ballot pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 203B.24, subd. 1.

Representatives of the Coleman campaign indicated they would allow the review process for Hennepin County to continue under protest and "without prejudice." Representatives from the Franken campaign objected to the filing of an incident report on this issue.